

FIRE ADDS TO OTHER HORRORS WHEN DAYTON IS STRUCK BY FLOOD

Ohio's Governor

Urges President to
Hurry Federal Aid

Governor James Cox, of Ohio, has telegraphed President Wilson, as follows:

"We have asked the Secretary of War for tents, supplies, rations, and physicians. In the name of humanity see that this is granted at the earliest possible moment. The situation in this State is very critical. We believe that 250,000 people were unsheltered last night, and the indications are that before night the Muskingum valley will suffer the fate of the Miami and Scioto valleys."

President Wilson's reply read: "Your telegram received. Have directed the Secretary of War immediately to comply with your request, and to use every agency of his department to meet the needs of the situation."

LEEVE AT DAYTON TWENTY FEET THICK AT BASE

More Than Twelve Feet Across
Top and About Thirty-five
Feet Thick at Base.

The Dayton, Ohio, levee is strongly built of gravel, has an average height of about twenty feet through the main part of the town.

It is over twelve feet across the top and about twenty feet thick at the base. It is wide enough to allow carriages to go along its top. The levee crosses some of the main streets of the city.

This river, which cuts the town in two, is approximately 250 feet broad at most of the points within Dayton. It would have to rise more than twenty feet to overflow the levee.

North Dayton has usually been the section most damaged in previous inundations. The population is well distributed in detached houses, with no congestion.

Dayton is situated in the valley on the east bank of the Miami river at its junction with Mad river. To the north is a low region through which east quantities of water might pour down and wreak terrible destruction.

The population of the city is almost 120,000 and it is one of the most prosperous and rapidly growing municipalities in the State. It is adorned with many handsome public buildings, such as the Dayton State Hospital, the court house and a magnificent city hall.

In the suburbs, to the west of the city, is the National Military Home for Disabled Volunteers of the Civil War, with 40 acres of beautiful ground and large buildings accommodating 6,000 persons. It is feared that this tract would have been in the path of a flood.

One of the principal avenues of the city is the Boulevard, which is built on land made from the Miami river bed. Along this are located many of the largest residences, which would have been destroyed by an unusual disturbance of the waters.

The manufacturing industry, which is important, is facilitated by numerous canals, supplied by reservoirs located outside the city.

Dayton was founded in 1805 and was named in honor of Gen. Jonathan Dayton. It was chartered as a city in 1841 and its growth has been remarkable since that time.

Every year when the spring freshets make the ordinarily peaceful Miami river a raging torrent the inhabitants of the city are accustomed to live for days in fear of flood and then of pestilence. Great disasters have been wrought by the swollen stream and in 1866, 1877, 1882, 1895, 1896, and in 1906 many lives were lost.

Urged for Collector.

Congressmen Graham and McDermott today placed before President the name of George W. Fleming, of Chicago, for appointment as collector of that port.

Wilson Wires Cox
Sympathy and Offers
Aid of Government

President Wilson today sent the following message to Governor Cox, of Ohio, at Columbus.

"I deeply sympathize with the people of your State in the terrible disaster that has come upon you. Can the Federal Government assist you in any way?"

"WOODROW WILSON."

WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Rain tonight and Thursday; cooler.

Maryland—Rain tonight and Thursday; cooler, with brisk shifting winds.

Virginia—Rain tonight and Thursday; cooler Thursday and in west portion tonight; brisk shifting winds.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Affleck's:

U. S. BUREAU AFFLECK'S

8 a. m. 63 8 a. m. 60

9 a. m. 62 9 a. m. 60

10 a. m. 60 10 a. m. 60

11 a. m. 60 11 a. m. 60

12 noon 61 12 noon 65

1 p. m. 61 1 p. m. 65

2 p. m. 62 2 p. m. 65

TIDE TABLE.

High tide 5:35 a. m. and 11:35 p. m.

Low tide 5:52 a. m. and 5:42 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

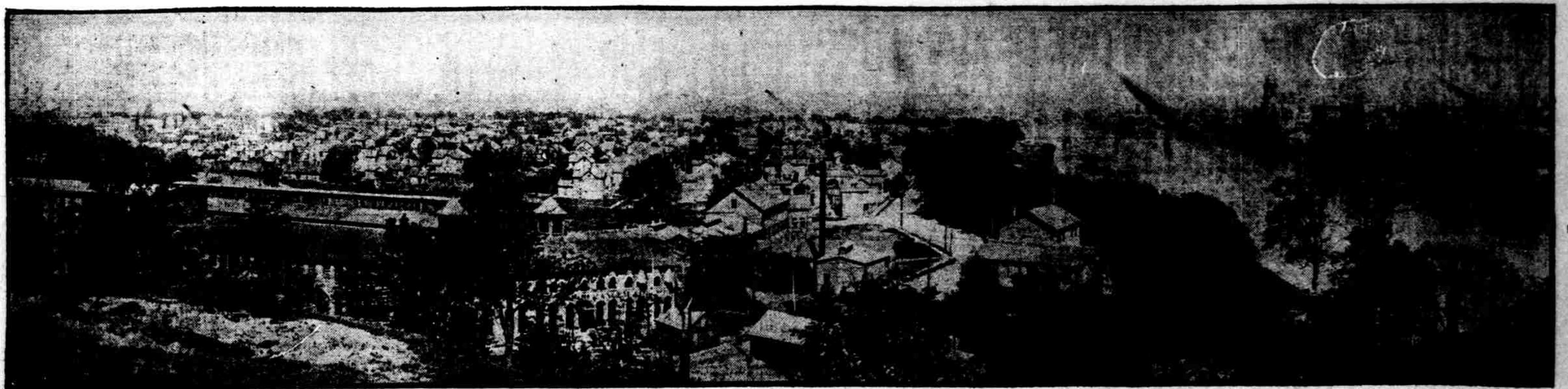
Sun rises 6:35 | Sun sets 6:35

TO PREVENT THE GRIP

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Look for signature of W. W. GROVE, Jr.

Panorama of Dayton, Ohio, Where Flood Has Wiped Out the Residential Sections, and Has Inundated the Business



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Dayton City of Dead, Dying, and Homeless

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pool since noon of yesterday has come across the mile of water.

It is known only that the big hotels are crowded with guests and are under water, the theaters are flooded, the jail with prisoners and in the very center of the city is inundated, the fashionable churches are awash inside, and 600 patients in St. Elizabeth's Hospital are imprisoned in the floods.

All telephone communication has been cut off, and none beyond the flood zone knows what disaster has overtaken that part of Dayton which was the center of its enormous wealth. There was nothing but the sullen glare of the flames last night to light up the tragedy and its mystery.

The flames showed men and women and children perched on the roofs of houses in the path of the flames, waiting helplessly and with horror-stricken eyes the advancing fire.

The men ventured out into the tumultuous stream in small boats and rescued some.

Under the leadership of Frederick Patterson, a gang of men chopped a hole through a roof in the flood and fire district and saved a family of three.

They tried to get to a raft that bore a man and four women that whirled like a spool in the rapid waters. Then suddenly the raft was sucked up in the darkness and another chapter was added to the tragic doubt that now exists as to the number who died in this disaster.

Governor Cox today made a requisition on the Federal War Department for 50,000 tents, a million rations, medical supplies, surgeons, and nurses. He also sent a

special appeal to President Wilson and Secretary of War Garrison.

Even the relatives of the supposed dead are uncertain as to their fate. The story of what really happened during a night and a day in Dayton, the wonderful city that was built around a single industry, is being told by the exhausted rescuers and the prostrated victims as they are brought into the places of safety.

Each fragment of the story is a tragedy in itself.

Transfer of the life-saving crew at Louisville, Ky., with its boats and other equipment, to Dayton to augment the flood rescue forces there was requested today by Congressman Allen of Ohio. The request was made to Treasury Department officials, who will ask the Louisville station if it is possible for the Government life-savers to leave Louisville to join the rescue work in Ohio.

Women Sink to Death in Flood.

Here is the story of George H. Schaefer, a rescuer who went out into the flood with a skiff and saved a woman and baby.

"A house that had been torn from its foundation came floating up behind us," said Schaefer. "The woman was frightened. I told her there was no danger."

"Suddenly she stood up and jumped over with her baby in her arms. She went straight down and never came up again."

Then there was the horror that Bill Riley, a salesman for the National Cash Register Company, saw himself.

"We saw a very old woman standing at the window of a house waiting for rescue," said Riley. "We rowed up to her. Suddenly the house parted and the woman was engulfed. It was the last we saw of her."

Then there was the man who, nearly rescued, had stepped into the skiff and then walked back into his home which a short time later floated away with him.

And the story of the colored mother

who was being rowed to safety with her two babies when the skiff struck a tree and the little craft capsized so that the babies were drowned and the mother was rescued by Robert Burham, the owner of the skiff, only to die before she reached the hospital.

Saved By Cable.
John Scott ascended a telegraph pole and guided across the cable to places of safety men, women and children rescued from flooded houses.

Scott had guided a dozen persons across the swaying bridges of wire when the explosion that started the fire occurred, and the shock knocked Scott from the pole and he fell into a tree.

"The last I saw of him he was trying to get into the window of an abandoned house by way of one of the branches of the tree," said Frank Stevens, a fellow employee of Scott. "The house was in the path of the fire."

"What is your name?" asked the registrars who received the refugees at the National Cash Register plant of a

slender young person in men's clothes. "Norma Thuma," was the reply.

"Norma?" they asked. "Yes, I'm a girl," was the answer.

She had donned male attire in order to cross the perilous span of wires unhampered by skirts. She came in with Ralph Myers, his wife and their little baby. Myers had climbed a telephone wire pole first. He let down a rope to his wife, who tied to it a meal sack which contained their baby, three months old. Myers pulled the rope with its precious burden up, and then let it down again to aid his wife to ascend. With the meal sack over his shoulder and his wife behind him, Myers, holding on to two thin wires, walked along a cable a full block before he reached safety.

Finda Husband Alive.
Mrs. James Cassidy and her three children were brought from the flood last night. Mrs. Cassidy was grief-stricken over the report of the death of her husband by drowning. Even as she was being registered there was brought into rescue headquarters a man who had to be held up and who was very wet.

"Jim, Jim," suddenly shrieked the woman. "That's you, Jim isn't it? You aren't dead, Jim! Say you aren't dead!"

Jim had been rescued from drowning. The return of James Cassidy was the one bit of joy in the awful gloom at the rescue headquarters, where gathered the victims of flood, fire, and famine.

A woman, maddened by the horrors of the day fought with Bill Riley and his companion, Charles Wagner, who had rescued her in a boat. She bit Riley in the hand and choked Wagner, who sought to restrain her. The little boat away and was on the point of capsizing when the woman suddenly became calm and began to pray.

"A J. Shattell, owner of the house in which the fire started after a gas explosion, is reported to have been blown into the air and killed instantly."

Mrs. Shunk, a neighbor, was blown out of her home into the flood and after clinging to a telegraph pole for half an hour finally succumbed and was sucked away under the water, according to a report received at rescue headquarters.

The explosion blew a stable filled with hay into the middle of the flooded street and this carried the flames to the opposite side.

Heavy Toll of Death Due to Great Flood

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property loss is reported to be large, but the death list is small.

Briefly, the dispatches say:

INDIANAPOLIS—White River, Pleasant Run, and Eagle Creek are out of their banks and part of this city is under water. Three thousand are homeless.

PERU—This town was virtually washed away by the flooded Wabash and twenty were drowned. The Wabash is still rising.

NEW ALBANY—The Ohio river is rising rapidly and the lowlands are flooded. Hundreds have been driven from their homes.

FORT WAYNE—The St. Joseph, Maumee, and St. Mary rivers are rushing torrents. Scores of families are homeless.

MARION—Five hundred persons were compelled to flee for their lives by the sudden rise of the White river, Eagle and Fall creeks. Three persons are missing.

ELWOOD—Three hundred are homeless here on account of the freshet in Duck creek.

TERRE HAUTE—This city, which was ravaged by Sunday's hurricane, is now suffering the added desolation of flood. Five hundred houses are under water in the worst flood in fifty years.

NOBLESVILLE—White river is at highest in thirty-five years. Two persons were drowned.

BROAD RIPPLE—One thousand feet of railroad tracks were washed out here.

KOKOMO—Wild Cat creek is nearly half a mile wide here. Fifteen hundred are homeless.

The First Pictures of Recent Tornado to Reach Washington, Showing Fearful Havoc in Trail of Wind



Upper Left, Remains of a Residence and a Stable Piled Together at Franklin, Tenn., Swept by a Tornado Sunday. Note Carriages. One Overturned on Top of the Other. Upper Right, the Picture Shows Graphically the Mighty Strength of a Tornado. Monarchs of the Forest Were Uprooted and Tossed About Like Matches, Finally Deposited in a Tangled Mass Hundreds of Feet Away. Lower, Livery Stable at Murfreesboro, Tenn., With Part of Front Roof Ripped Off. Note Demolished Condition of Surrounding Buildings. At Right, Gov. John H. Morehead of Nebraska, Who is Directing the Work of Rescue and Relief in Omaha and Other Stricken Cities. Photos by American Press Association.

Towns Affected by Flood in Middle West

Town.	Population.	Condition.
Akron, Ohio	70,000	
Youngstown, Ohio	80,000	Mills closed by flood.
Hamilton, Ohio	35,000	5 feet of water.
West Liberty, Ohio	1,300	7 feet of water.
West Lima, Ohio	30,000	
Middletown, Ohio	13,000	6 feet of water.
Dayton, Ohio	125,000	8 feet of water.
Delaware, Ohio	13,000	Famine stricken.
Troy, Ohio	6,000	
Fort Wayne, Indiana	65,000	
Kokomo, Indiana	17,000	Half the town flooded.
Indianapolis, Indiana	250,000	Suburbs under water.
Marion, Indiana	2,000	Levee broken.
Springfield, Ohio	47,000	
Columbus, Ohio	181,000	Lowlands under water.

Asks Wife to Pay.

NEW YORK, March 25.—E. Grossman, suing his wife for separation, asked the court that Mrs. Grossman be compelled to pay his counsel fees.

Telephone Girls, Heroines of Flood, Sent Out First News

DAYTON, March 26.—Heroines of the flood are two telephone girls who flashed to the world the first news of the disaster. One was at the main exchange here and the other was at Phoneton, eight miles north of Dayton.

The girl at the main office was at the long distance board, and on her own responsibility she flashed messages to Governor Cox at the State house, and to officials at Cincinnati and Columbus.

Mrs. Rena White Eakin, operator at Phoneton, served as a relay operator for the girl at Dayton.

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